

# **BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

## **Minutes of the Regular Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, March 10, 2005**

The regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, March 10, 2005, at 6:30 p.m., at the Brush Park Manor, 2900 Brush, Detroit, Michigan 48201.

### **ATTENDANCE**

#### **Board Members Present**

Arthur Blackwell, II  
Erminia Ramirez **(ABS)**  
Jim Holley  
Megan Norris  
Willie Hampton

#### **Department Personnel Present**

AC Walter Martin  
DC Cara Best  
DC Ronald Haddad  
DC Craig Schwartz  
Cmdr. Donald Parshall  
Cmdr. Shereece Fleming-Freeman  
Cmdr. Stacy Brackens  
Cmdr. Joyce Motley  
Cmdr. Vivian Talbert  
Cmdr. Ralph Godbee  
Cmdr. Scott Kohl's  
Insp. John O'Neill  
Insp. Willie McClure  
Insp. Jamie Fields  
Insp. Troy Quinn  
Insp. Billy McFarley  
Insp. Gregory Plummer  
Insp. Nick Kyriakou  
Insp. Tony Saunders  
Lt. Karen Frabotta  
Lt. Terry Herbert  
Lt. John Serda

Lt. William Peterson  
Sgt. Steven Allen  
Sgt. Chimene Irvin  
Sgt. Debbie Jackson  
PO Michael Woody

#### **Board Staff Present**

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director  
E. Lynise Bryant-Weekes, Personnel Director  
Denise R. Hooks, Attorney/Supervising Inv. **(ABS)**  
Arnold Sheard, Interim Chief Investigator  
Victoria Scott-Miller, Sr. Investigator/Community Affairs Coordinator  
Kent Cooper, Police Officer

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Kelli Kavanaugh	Kati Kavanaugh	Micheal Walker
Joseph Moore	James Young	Rodney Ballinger
Rosalind Toles	Myrtes Martin	Irene Nelson
Hellaine Bell	Henry Jackson	Davis Rollins
Juanita Stifikis	Ron Scott	Rodney Robinson
Chris Shyberg	Matt Best	Kayla Alsassor

### **RECORDERS**

Jerome Adams

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Chairperson Blackwell** called the regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 6:41 p.m.

**Comm. Norris** read the duties and responsibilities of the Board of Police Commissioners?

### **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

#### **♦ Thursday, February 3, 2005**

**MOTION:** **Comm. Holley** made the motion to approve the above Minutes.

**SECOND:** **Comm. Norris** seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

### **3. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR**

**RESOLUTION HONORING  
MS. KELLI B. KAVANAUGH**

- WHEREAS** Ms. Kellie B. Kavanaugh is a resident and community leader in the City of Detroit; and
- WHEREAS** Ms. Kavanaugh is the Deputy Director of the Greater Corktown Development Corporation, and is the Administrator of the Corktown Citizen District Council. She co-authors the "Corktown Connection;" a monthly newspaper that provides information, events and advertisements to the First Precinct community; and
- WHEREAS** Ms. Kavanaugh is the editor of "The Furnace," a Detroit based literary journal, which publishes local writers and artists in the metropolitan area; and
- WHEREAS** Ms. Kavanaugh actively participates in First Precinct Community Relations meetings and activities; and
- WHEREAS** Ms. Kavanaugh in addition to all the aforementioned activities, finds time to participate in National Night Out and Motor City Makeover,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

- RESOLVED** That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking for the citizens of the City of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, acknowledges the generous spirit of Ms. Kelli B. Kavanaugh. Her unselfishness and dedication not improving the quality of life for all citizens in her community and throughout the City of Detroit merits our highest regards.

We thank and congratulate you, Ms. Kelli B. Kavanuagh.

**DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

/s/Arthur Blackwell  
Chairperson

/s/Erminia Ramirez  
Vice Chairperson

/s/ Megan P. Norris  
Commissioner

/s/Jim Holley  
Commissioner

/s/Willie Hampton  
Commissioner

**MOTION:**     **Comm. Norris** made the motion to adopt the Resolution.

**SECOND:**    **Comm. Holley** seconded the motion.

**VOTE:**        All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

**AC Martin** presented Ms. Kavanaugh with a Certificate of Recognition on behalf of Chief Bully-Cummings and the department. He also presented Ms. Kavanaugh with the Spirit of Detroit Award on behalf of City Council.

**Ms. Kavanaugh** thanked everyone.

#### **4. SECRETARY'S REPORT – EXEC. DIR. GOSS**

##### **CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED**

	<b><u>This Week</u></b>	<b><u>Year to Date</u></b>
<b>2005 - Weekly Count of Complaints:</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>212</b>
<b>2004 - Weekly Count of Complaints:</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>254</b>

- The Office of the Chief Investigator (OCI) closed a total of **15** cases this week.
- The Office of the Chief Investigator submitted **0** cases to the Chief's Office. The Chief's Office has reviewed and returned **0** cases to OCI.

#### **5. REPORT/PRESENTATION – CHIEF OF POLICE**

## **DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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***REPORT TO THE***  
**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

## *Vision Statement*

**BUILDING A SAFER DETROIT THROUGH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS.**

The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.

### **SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS**

During the period of March 2<sup>nd</sup> – March 8<sup>th</sup>, the *Narcotics Enforcement and Conspiracy Units* conducted 31 search warrants and 24 street enforcement actions within the boundaries of the city of Detroit, resulting in the following arrests and confiscations:

- ◆ 31 Felony arrests
  - ◆ 82 Misdemeanor arrests
  - ◆ 5 Juveniles detained
  - ◆ 191.9 Grams of cocaine, 10.2 grams of heroin, 31,780.9 grams of marijuana and 46 pills - street value **\$222,703.00**
  - ◆ **\$169,690.00 U.S.** currency
- Confiscated:
- ◆ 11 Handguns

### *The Vice Section*

During the week of March 2<sup>nd</sup> – March 8<sup>th</sup>, officers of the Vice Section conducted Operation Pressure Point within the boundaries of the Sixth Precinct. As a result of their efforts, the following citations were issued:

- ◆ 12 Moving Violations
- ◆ 4 Parking Violations
- ◆ 9 Michigan Liquor Control Commission Violations

### *The Violent Crimes Task Force*

Officers of the Violent Crimes Task Force in a combined effort with the Repeat Offenders Program, the Michigan State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigations developed a special task force known as the "Alliance Fugitive Task Force." This task force launched an intense fugitive investigation on a man wanted for murder that occurred in June 2004. *The task force developed information as to the location of the wanted man. As a result of their efforts, the wanted man was arrested with out incident on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.*

## Police/Community Intervention



### TAKING THE GUNS OFF THE STREET !



Total Guns Confiscated  
Year-To-Date  
**634**

#### THIRD PRECINCT

On March 2<sup>nd</sup>, officers of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Precinct while on patrol in the area of Elsmere and Avis observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed. The officers initiated a traffic stop; subsequent to an investigation, two (2) men were arrested for "Carrying a Concealed Weapon – Motor Vehicle" and "Possession of a Stolen Motor Vehicle." Confiscated was one (1) handgun.

#### FIFTH PRECINCT

On March 3<sup>rd</sup>, officers of the 5<sup>th</sup> Precinct while on patrol in the area of East Warren and Alter heard several gunshots. As a result of an investigation, a man was arrested for "Carrying a Concealed Weapon – Person" and "Reckless Use of a Firearm." Confiscated was a 9mm rifle.

#### SEVENTH PRECINCT

On March 5<sup>th</sup>, officers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Precinct, while on patrol in the area of Gratiot and Mt. Elliott observed a vehicle disregard a red traffic signal. The officers initiated a traffic stop; as a result, a man was arrested for "Carrying a Concealed Weapon – Motor Vehicle." Confiscated was a .22 caliber handgun.

#### EIGHTH PRECINCT

On March 6<sup>th</sup>, officers of the 8<sup>th</sup> Precinct while on patrol in the area of Tyler and Mark Twain observed a vehicle disregard a red traffic signal. As a result of their investigation, a man was arrested for "Violation of Controlled Substance Act." Confiscated were five (5) plastic baggies containing crack cocaine.

#### NINTH PRECINCT

On March 3<sup>rd</sup>, officers of the 9<sup>th</sup> Precinct responded to the 14000 block of Glenfield on "Two Men Selling Narcotics" run. The investigation resulted in two (2) men being arrested for "Violation of Controlled Substance Act." Confiscated was one (1) shotgun, 16.4 grams of cocaine, 105 grams of marijuana and 50 pills – street value \$7,480.00

#### TENTH PRECINCT

On March 6<sup>th</sup>, officers of the 10<sup>th</sup> Precinct responded to the area of Dexter and Monterey on an "Investigate a Suspicious Person in Front of the Party Store" run. Subsequent to an investigation, a man was arrested for "Carrying a Concealed Weapon - Person." Confiscated was one (1) handgun with the serial numbers filed off.

#### ELEVENTH PRECINCT

On March 5<sup>th</sup>, officers of the 11<sup>th</sup> Precinct, while on patrol in the 4600 block of Seven Mile Road, were flagged down by a citizen who indicated he was just robbed by two (2) men. The officers obtained a description and checked the area. As a result, two (2) men were arrested for "Armed Robbery."

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**Chief of Police Ella M. Bully-Cummings**

### **6. PRESENTATION – FIRST PRECINCT**

**Cmdr. Stacy Brackens** gave a brief overview of the First Precinct's history and current endeavors. He also introduced his staff members.

**Comm. Norris** stated this is the first community meeting that we had in the First Precinct in the five years that I have been here.

### **7. QUARTERLY AWARDS – PUBLIC INFORMATION**

**3<sup>rd</sup> DC James Tate** presented the following quarterly awards:

#### **POLICE OFFICERS**

P.O. Jeremy MacNichol, P.O. Devon Jackson, P.O. Matthew Wysocki, P.O. Mark Ptaszek, P.O. James Corbett, P.O. Travis Kostanko, P.O. Richard Arslanian, P.O. Norbet Zawislak, P.O. David Sanders, P.O. Joseph Moore, P.O. Willie Johnson, P.O. Rodney Ballinger, P.O. Lisa Spitzer

#### **INVESTIGATORS**

Inv. Eugene Hutchins

### **CIVILIANS**

Ms. Tanya Woods, Mr. Curtis Henderson, Ms. Ruby Monts, Ms. Deborah Pasha, Ms. Cathleen Drew, Mr. James Farrell

### **8. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

### **9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, March 17, 2005 @ 3:00 p.m.  
Police Headquarters  
1300 Beaubien, Rm. 328-A  
Detroit, MI 48226

### **10. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE**

**PO Reggie Crawford** voiced a concern that there should be an independent investigation in regards to the articles that refer to an incident that involved AC Walter Martin.

**Rodney Robinson** voiced a concern about frequent breaking & enterings (B&E's) and prostitution in the First Precinct area.

**Chairperson Blackwell** asked Mr. Robinson to speak with Cmdr. Stacy Brackens after the meeting.

**Chris Shyberg** stated the First Precinct community has been experiencing home invasions and/or breaking & entering.

**Kayla Alsassor** stated she is the President of the First Precinct Community Relations Counsel. She also stated we do meet every second Thursday of every month to encourage citizens to join the block club and see the benefits of the block club. She also indicated that she would meet with the residents of the Crosswinds Complex on how to organize.

**Matt Best** voiced a concern about an incident that occurred on July 25<sup>th</sup> in Belleville, Ohio involved a vehicle and a luxury coach.



**Chairperson Blackwell** asked did this happen in Ohio?

**Mr. Best** stated yes, it did.

**Chairperson Blackwell** stated I don't believe that we would have any jurisdiction over that.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**DANTE' L. GOSS**  
Executive Director  
Board of Police Commissioners

**DLG/kdw**